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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Denise Faustman  
Serial No.: 09/258,682  
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Entitled: "Methods for Diagnosing and Treating Autoimmune Disease"

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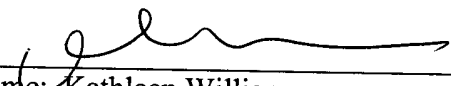
Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of Three months to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Supplemental Response to the Final Office Action mailed October 21, 2002 from January 21, 2003, up to and including April 21, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, enclosed is the requisite extension fee of \$465.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 17633/1120. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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